Construction of a granite wall and a bathing ghat at Krishnanputhoor Kal.

388. * **K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether one Mr. A. Narayanaperumal Nadar and others of Palkinathan Villa of Dharmapuram pakuthi, Agastiswaram taluk, sent a petition to the Government on 29-3-1115 for the construction of a granite wall and a bathing ghat in Krishnanputhoor Kal, and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The retaining wall will be completed shortly and the construction of the bathing ghat will be taken up when funds become available.

Strikes in Travancore.

389. * **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many strikes have taken place in Travancore after the Trade Disputes Act came into force;

(*b*) how many men were involved in those strikes;

(*c*) how many working days were lost; and

(*d*) in how many strikes Government Court of inquiry or Board of Conciliation was provided in the Trade Disputes?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries and Labour Commissioner*):

(*a*) 3

(*b*) 1,450 workers.

(*c*) 38 days.

(*d*) None.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: With reference to part (d) of the answer may I know why no court of enquiry or board of conciliation was provided?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There was no need.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know the names of factories where the three strikes took place?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The coir factory workers' strike at Muhamma, the mineral factory workers' strike at Chavara, and the cashewnut factory workers' strike at Kilikollur.

Encroachment in S. No. 606/1 in the Rayamangalam pakuthi.

390. * **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of any encroachment in S. No. 606/1 set apart for cattle grazing in the Rayamangalam pakuthi;

(*b*) whether the above land is being got surveyed and demarcated into 5 acre blocks by the Puduval Survey Party at Muvattupuzha; and

(*c*) if so, the purpose for which such a large area of land is being split up into 5 acre blocks?

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MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to question (*b*) this question does not arise.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: അവരെ അവിടെ നിന്നും ഒഴിപ്പിക്കാൻ വല്ല നടപടിയും നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Arrangements have been made to re-survey the whole plot and after that work is completed action will be taken on all encroachments.

Construction of a Cinema Theatre at Trivandrum.

391. ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Development Department constructed a Cinema Theatre at Trivandrum out of Ascu—treated timber for a private individual;

(*b*) the actual amount expended on the same (inclusive of the cost of timber); and

(*c*) the profit, if any, made by the Department on that account?

DR. S. K. PILLAI (*Technical Assistant in charge of the duties of the Director of Development*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 4,802-11-6.

(*c*) This can be ascertained only after the final adjustment of the bills.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the date on which the construction of the theatre was finished?

DR. S. K. PILLAI: I claim notice Sir,

Conductors in the State Transport Department.

392. ***MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDHANAN NAIR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of permanent conductors going out on duty on the several lines taken up by the State Transport Department;

(*b*) the number of bell-punch machines (ticket issuing machines) got down for their use;

(*c*) the actual number of machines now in use; and

(*d*) the cost of each such machine?

MR. K. SANKARAN: (*a*) 132.

(*b*) 65.

(*c*) 15.

(*d*) £ 7-10-0.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: From the answers to parts (a) and (c) it is seen that only 15 machines are in use while there are 132 conductors. I want to know what was the necessity for getting down these 65 machines at a high cost?

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